

IN TRACTION YOKES.

Trouble Among Union Molders Over a Large Order.

WYLIE AVE. CABLE ROAD.

The First Contracts for the Iron Work About to be Placed.

OLIVER BROS. MAY GET THE JOB.

A Legislative Move to Tax All Alien Workmen Among Us.

INTERESTING BUDGET OF LABOR NEWS.

District Master Workman I. N. Ross yesterday issued a call for a special meeting of L. A. 1030, composed of iron molders, of which Mr. Ross is the local Master Workman. In the circular it was not stated what the object of the meeting was, but every member was requested to be on hand "for the transaction of important business to the craft."

When questioned in regard to the matter, Mr. Ross positively refused to state the object of the meeting, saying it was only a slight matter of minor importance to the molders, and under no consideration would be any anything about it until after the meeting. From another source, however, the news was gathered. The meeting is not of paramount importance to the molders, but to the firm of Oliver Bros. & Phillips. It is also pretty nearly the commencement of work on the Center and Wylie avenue cable line, which is now so nearly an established fact.

A well-known Knight of Labor, who is a member of the local, was seen last night and asked in regard to the meeting. Like the District Master Workman he was as much as an oyster, but when positively assured his name should not be used, said:

"Some time ago we had some trouble with Oliver Bros. & Phillips in regard to the number of hours' work to be done each day in the molding shop. We held a special meeting at the time and decided to allow no union molder to work more than ten hours. Piece work was also abolished, and the men worked by the day. At the time the firm was rushed with work for the Fifth avenue Traction Company, and as it had to be done in a certain time, wanted the men to work by the piece in order to stimulate them to work harder. By doing this the firm would get more work out of the men in a given time."

"Several days ago the firm received a request for a bid on 3,000 tons of 'yokes,' to be used on some new cable road in town. I think it is the Central Traction Company's line, but would not say positively. The 'yokes' are the heavy frames which hold the conduit in place, and have caused a lot of trouble to our assembly. When the 'yokes' for the Fifth avenue and Penn avenue lines were being made at a number of iron foundries in town, they caused lots of grumbling from the union men. At every meeting of the assembly the matter came up, and, for a long time, the standing password into the meetings was 'yokes.'"

"When Oliver Bros. & Phillips received the request for a bid on the order, to be completed within a certain time, they allowed their molders, and asked what the latter would charge for making them by the piece. A great many of the men strongly objected to making them by the piece, and wanted to do the work at their regular rate of wages per day. A number who see big money in the job, want to take so much per 'yoke' and work as many hours each day as they choose. As this is against the rule of the union, the latter have asked for the special meeting to bring the matter up again."

"If we decide to accept pay for piece work the rate per yoke will be fixed and the number of hours each man is allowed to work. We do not want to break our own backs by compressing eight days work in a week and getting the same amount of money for it. If we decide to continue to continue working by the day if the firm gets the job, the company may object and try to force the men to do piece work. In that event there will be another strike. I do not anticipate any trouble, however."

"The 'yokes' are great heavy castings, and when in the mold have to be moved sometimes by the use of a crane, and weigh 700 or 800 pounds, and on account of their size a great many men object to work on them by the piece. They take two molders and one helper a whole day to make five of them. As the traction company has to begin work in the early spring it will be necessary to turn the 'yokes' out as rapidly as possible. The order for the equipment of the whole line will necessarily have to be divided up among a number of iron foundries. A great many of the men for the Fifth avenue and Penn avenue lines were made in the East. At the meeting this evening the officers of the local assembly will be installed."

FREIGHT ASSOCIATION.
A Scheme to Abolish the Trunk Line, Central Traffic and Western.

C. S. Wight, General Freight Agent of the Baltimore and Ohio road, and D. L. Gray, Manager of the Union Line at Columbus, left last night for New York, to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trunk Line Association to-day at that place. The object of the meeting is to try and arrange for the abolition of the Trunk Line Association, the Central Traffic Association, and the freight association west of Chicago. If this is done a new association, which will embrace all the roads now in the three organizations, will be formed. The resignation of Chairman Blanchard, of the Central Traffic Association, has not yet been acted upon. If this association disbands Mr. Blanchard will probably be placed at the head of the new association. Under the new plan executive officials think the rates could be better maintained.

THE SECRETARY RETURNED.
Typographical Union No. 7 Will Not Lose That Four Hundred at All.

The supposed defaulting Financial Secretary of Typographical Union No. 7 returned to the city last night, and promises to make good the loss to the union. He says he did not run away, and can produce the money when called upon to do so. At the meeting of No. 7, which will occur Sunday next, in addition to the delegates to be elected to the national convention in June next, at Denver, Colo., which was written in detail in THE DISPATCH on the 21st inst., new officers of the union will be nominated. For President Edward Hope, of THE DISPATCH, will be recommended, and re-elected.

The Gas Gave Out.
The mills along Penn avenue had to shut down yesterday morning owing to a scarcity of gas from the Philadelphia Company's mains. A break occurred at Murraysville.

PRO AND CON.

The Bill Introduced in Harrisburg for a Tax on Foreign Labor is Indorsed by President Campbell.

The bill introduced by Representative Campbell yesterday at Harrisburg, taxing every employer 25 cents per day for every foreign laborer in his employ, is apt to raise a great deal of controversy among men directly interested in the measure.

To obtain the opinion of President James Campbell, of the Window Glass Workers' Association, a visit was made to that gentleman's residence last night by a reporter for this paper. When questioned upon the subject, he said:

"Of course I should like to read the entire bill before I would say anything upon the merits of its contents. But as far as I am able to see from what you tell me, I believe that the bill is directed toward decreasing the influx of foreign labor, and if that is the object of the bill, I say let it be passed by all means. The result of the measure will have the tendency of keeping a foreign element away from our native industries, which is gradually undermining the prosperity of the American workman. Mind you, I do not want to be understood as saying that all immigration is bad. Not at all, but I am alluding to that class of foreigners who come to this country to work on piece lines, in coal mines or on railroads. In some cases, I should be glad to see contract labor stopped, and I think this bill gets at the matter rather effectively."

A prominent glass manufacturer of the Southside, who was also asked for his opinion on the subject, stated:

"I do not want to be quoted as to anything I may say about that bill, because I should like to read the whole of it first, but I think that the introduction of such a tax on the employer would be an injustice to the respectable class of foreigners who come to this country. While I do not believe that those classes of foreigners who only come to this country to enrich themselves deserve any special consideration, they are constantly so many good men coming here who turn out to be excellent citizens, and I do not think it fair that they should suffer for the sins of the bad ones. No, I think that bill, if passed, will stop a good many good people coming here, and therefore I cannot indorse its objects."

THAT BIG BRADDOCK FOUNDRY.

Heads of the Edgar Thomson Expect It to be Ready in Three Months.

Forsten Berg, head draughtsman of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works is making a tour of the Eastern foundries in order to gain some knowledge for the benefit of the immense foundry to be located in Braddock.

Active work will be commenced upon its return and preparations are already made for leveling the site. Machinery has been ordered and the firm expect the foundation to be in active operation within three months.

THE MASTER PAINTERS.

They Will Meet To-day—A Grand Banquet to be Given This Evening.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Master Painters and Decorators will meet at the Monongahela House to-day for a two days' session. A full programme of the meeting was published in THE DISPATCH a few days ago. The feature of to-day's session will be a grand banquet this evening.

THE COURT WAS ABSENT.

Lavin's Suit Against Master Workman Ross Did Not Come Off.

The suit of District Master Workman Ross, charged by Richard Lavin with owing the latter \$61 due him by District Assembly, did not come up for a hearing yesterday morning, owing to the non-appearance of the Court, Alderman Dougherty.

A BURSTING GAS PIPE.

Caused a Shortage of Fuel and the Closing of Most of the Mills.

There was a break in one of the mains of the Philadelphia Natural Gas Company at Murraysville yesterday morning, which caused some of the departments in many of the mills in the city to be shut down. The main is the 12-inch pipe on the Walker farm, which line runs over the hill at Springdale and connects with the city main.

The break occurred, presumably, on account of a flaw in the pipe. The accident was discovered at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and men were sent to work to repair the break. It was stated at the Philadelphia company's office that everything would be in shape again by 5 o'clock last night to save the night turn in the mills from laying off.

CAPTURED IN MILWAUKEE.

Two of a Gang Who Robbed Messenger Sturtevant Arrested.

Two of the four men who robbed Joseph Sturtevant, a messenger at Dilworth, Porter & Co., of \$1,000 at the entrance of the Penn building, on Penn avenue, on the day before last Christmas, have been captured in Milwaukee. They gave their names as Willis and William Rodgers. Their right hands are Barney Durck and William Robbins.

It is not known whether they were arrested in Milwaukee for a crime or only as suspects in the Sturtevant case. They were brought back to this city to answer a charge of highway robbery made against them by Mr. Dilworth.

UNDER THE NEW RULES.

Freight Agents Now Watching the Freight Agents of Opposing Lines.

Freight agents in the city are wondering what will happen next. The orders which were received from headquarters threatening dismissal of any agent who will cut a rate has resulted in a drop in the total of business transacted during the past month. The tonnage has been more equally divided and the receipts have been less in some cases notwithstanding that card rates have been charged.

The agents are not watching each other at present, but have their eyes on the freight agents of the opposition lines, from whom any cut in rates will now come.

NOTHING BUT TALK.

The Allegheny Citizens' Charter Committee Holds a Meeting.

The committee of Allegheny citizens who were appointed on Saturday night to draw up a new code of laws for that city met last night, but beyond discussing the matter informally, did nothing. The organization placed Commodore Knott in the chair and R. B. Seandrett was made Secretary. All of the members had opinions to offer, and were of the belief that the duty to be performed was one that required careful study.

A COALBOAT RISE.

A Large Steamer in the Lower Markets Will Keep the Boats Here.

The rivers reached a coal boating stage yesterday. At 2 o'clock there was a rise in the Monongahela. O'Neill & Co. sent out eight barges with the Enterprise to Cincinnati. The other firms would not send out any coal on account of the crowded condition of the lower markets.

Monkeyed With a Pistol.

A young son of Thomas Kirkwood, of McKeesport, dropped a loaded revolver yesterday, when it exploded, the ball entering his leg above the knee, inflicting a serious wound.

The Explosives Becomes Fatal.

Mr. W. McDowell, the woman who was hanged at a lamp explosion last week on the Southside, was reported last night to be dying from her injuries.

Severely Burnt by Metal.

Charles Bracken, of the Black Diamond Steel Works, was badly burnt last night by hot metal.

IT WILL BE 12 MILLS.

The Rate You Pay in Taxes This Year, on Pittsburg Property.

AN ITEM OF VITAL MOMENT TO ALL.

Gratifying Result of the Assessors' Arduous Tax Canvass.

THE RATE IS REDUCED BY ONE-THIRD.

The one vital result of the city assessors' recent arduous labors comes to the front now for the first time. "What will the harvest be?" has been the question with them in their diligent effort to reap according to the spirit and letter of the law. "What will the millage be?" has been the question with the thousands of taxpayers who contribute to Pittsburg's municipal treasury. Well, as near as it is possible now to state it, on the basis of the assessors' estimated total, yesterday submitted to Councils, it will be 12 mills.

The prompt preliminary report of the Board of Assessors of this valuation of the taxable property of the city, to hold for three years, but not yet reduced by them officially to millage, was presented to Councils yesterday. Hereafter it will be taken up, not come forward except through the Finance Committee and upon the latest day possible—January 31.

This triennial assessment is a new departure, in that it requires a cash valuation and includes, in the new city charter, the proviso (about which there is a question) that no property shall be assessed at less than the last recorded sale. It is to

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that, as stated in their communication to the Councils, they have evinced and clearly shown a desire to have ample publicity given the work they have had in hand, and this has resulted in widespread information and in anxiety on the part of taxpayers generally to ascertain their "worth," as disclosed by the inquiry made under the new law. This has resulted in the visit of thousands of citizens to the office, and of thousands of applications by mail to the office for transcript, yet, notwithstanding the thorough found daily, our reporters have failed to see or hear of any bad feeling, while their inquiries suggest the fact, that there is a general confidence in the efforts of the men in charge to give satisfaction. The apparent satisfaction in the announcement of the result of the appraisal is indicative of this, and there is no hesitancy on the part of the board to give further examination where errors of judgment or in calculation are suggested.

The number of appeals being so great has prevented an examination of all, and hence the delay in getting at the actual amount of the total valuation. The amount reported to Councils is, however, very near the actual.

RESULT OF THE CANVASS.

Now drawing to a close. The question of millage is uppermost, and worthy of consideration by all. The total of the last triennial valuation after deducting the percentage for lost and exonerated taxes and the change required by classification from city (whole), to rural or suburban (two-thirds), and agricultural (one-half), was \$118,013,000. The reduction on account of classification, etc., as stated, was \$17,000,000, but the growth of the city will almost surely reduce this so far as the classification is concerned to, say, \$14,000,000.

The Board's estimate, \$191,900,000, less this reduction will give for taxable property, in round numbers, \$177,900,000, so that, to realize the amount estimated for the past year, there is likely to be a levy of less than 12 mills, being a reduction of about 3% per cent.

It is an undoubted fact that the small property holders have, heretofore, been assessed very closely to their actual valuation; but, under the new order of things, they will not, generally, be much increased, their more fortunate neighbors and fellow citizens having large holdings will be brought up to and to such a proper standard as must insure to the benefit of the small holder.

CALVARY CEMETERY OFFICERS MEET.

To Elect Officers for the Year and Hear Different Reports.

The corporators of Calvary Cemetery held their annual meeting at the Episcopal rectory of St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday afternoon and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Rt. Rev. R. Phelan; Vice President, James P. Phelan; Treasurer, John J. Sullivan; Secretary, Charles F. McKenna; Managers, A. P. Keating, John C. Riley, Rev. J. Keating, F. Keating, and H. Keating. The report of Engineer James S. Devlin showed that \$14,500 had been expended during the past year for macadamizing, grading, fencing, gate-houses, etc., and that \$14,500 had been expended in all by the incorporators. Mr. Devlin also stated that Chief Biglow had in contemplation the laying out and paving, at an early date, of a street intersecting Hazelwood avenue, on which the cemetery fronts.

A large force of laborers will be kept at work during the coming year completing the laying out of the grounds and building the necessary offices, etc., and the contract for the same having been already let.

LAST OF THE LUCKLESS 13.

The Two Remaining Newsboy Thieves Arrested Last Night.

Detective Fitzgerald and Officer Egan, shortly after 11 o'clock last night, arrested William Collins and Walter Calum, boys, accused of belonging to the crowd of newsboys who tunneled into the Wood street mine and stole a lot of goods. About \$20 worth of goods, in the shape of clothing, trunks, etc., were found in the boys' pockets. They make the number of boys arrested 13.

A Site Chosen.

The Allegheny sub-Police Committee last evening decided to recommend the purchase of a plot of ground on Ohio street, near the Troy Hill road, as a site for a patrol station. The price is \$1,000. The Committee on Horses was authorized to purchase a new team.

Incorrigibility Against Intemperance.

Julia Ryan, who was arrested on the Southside last night on a charge of incorrigibility, preferred against her by her father, claimed in the station house that she had left her home on account of her parents' intemperate habits.

The Training School a Success.

The annual meeting of the contributors of the Allegheny General Hospital will be held this afternoon. Directors and officers will be elected. The training school for nurses at the hospital has been very successful.

He Gave Bail.

Patrick Conway, charged before Alderman Porter with larceny, assault and battery and fraud, by Miss Rose Tremlay, a boarder in his house, gave \$1,100 bail for court trial yesterday.

Hitting It Rich.

John Brown, a prominent mill worker at McKeesport, has drawn a \$25,000 prize in the Louisiana State Lottery. McKeesport has been a prolific field for the sale of lottery tickets.

SOUTHSIDE HOSPITAL.

Discussed Last Evening by the Southside Medical Society—Patients Suffering from the Lack of One—Means of Raising the Funds.

The Southside Medical Society held its regular meeting last evening at Dr. Connor's, on Mt. Oliver. After the usual programme had been gone through with, the subject of a hospital for the Southside was brought up, and discussed by nearly all present. Dr. Thomas first started the ball rolling. He said:

"It is clearly evident to all that we are andly in need of a hospital here on the Southside, and there is no danger but that a project of this kind would receive the hearty indorsement of this society. The Southside with its outlying wards now numbers nearly 70,000 population, consisting principally of artisans, mechanics and those that fill all hospitals. And, that we need one is every day manifested by cases of disease and death, and the fact that we do not have a proper care because of the distance to the other hospitals and their inability to be of the scene of death and provide for all cases of accidents."

Dr. Raleigh said: "The need is evident enough, and if some one outside of the profession would take hold of it, it seems to me that enough funds might be raised to start it, when an appropriation could be gotten. A good way would be to hire a solicitor to work it up."

Dr. Munro stated that it was hard to get patients into the hospitals when they should be, and cited numerous cases where the patients suffered from that cause.

Dr. Kress said: "There are not less than 30 doctors on the Southside, and there is not one but could afford to give a patient's fees toward establishing a hospital, but the corporations, and the ones whose hearts are in this subject, are the ones to work it up."

The meeting then adjourned to the dining room, where a spread was set out by Dr. Connor. The subject will probably be discussed again.

THE SOUTH PEN.

D. Herbert Hostetter and H. C. Frick Off for New York Last Evening.

D. Herbert Hostetter, the young gentleman who is figuring so prominently in the South Penn Railroad scheme, left last night for New York. He said he was going over on private business, and his trip had no connection with the South Penn. He stated that he was not going to New York to see the Vanderbilts, and he did not know whether the Vanderbilt people or Mr. Frick had yet signed the agreement.

On the same train with Mr. Hostetter was Mr. H. C. Frick. The latter gentleman stated that he had not yet signed the agreement, but would do so within a few minutes prior to the time the reporter spoke to him. He also stated he was not going to New York on South Penn business. He had yet signed the agreement, but was ready to do so when the Vanderbilts did.

COLLISION AND DERAILMENT.

On the Citizens' Line—A Wagon Wrecked and a Lady Injured.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon car 204, of the Penn avenue cable line, collided with an iron wagon, belonging to Alexander Black. One side of the car was entirely torn out by the tongue of the wagon, slightly injuring a lady passenger, who lies on Thirtieth street. She was taken to E. A. McCollough's drugstore, and was able to continue on her way. One of the horses belonging to the wagon was so seriously injured that he will probably have to be shot, and the wagon was entirely wrecked.

A little later car 227, of the same line, jumped the track at the Twenty-eighth street railroad crossing. After a delay of 15 minutes it was righted.

MORE GOODS RECOVERED.

Seven of the Wood Street Raiders Now Under Lock and Key.

Peter Lehany, James Kemp, William Buckley, Ed O'Donnell, Charles McCarley, William Keogh, Harry and Nathan Klein and Nathan Keogh, who were arrested for taking part in the robbery of H. Watts & Co.'s book store, No. 445 Wood street, were found in the room of Lawrence Brown, formerly a drug store, and were taken into custody for receiving stolen goods.

WHY LIZZIE LEFT HOME.

A Young Girl Runs Away Because Her Parents Object to Her Beau.

Lizzie Brent, a girl 17 years of age, was arrested yesterday on Old avenue street, near the intersection of the street, station house by Detective Kelly to await the arrival of her father, who had written a letter to the police authorities in this city, stating that his daughter had run away from home.

The parents of the girl, who live in Elliott, near Baltimore, Md., were immediately telegraphed to. Lizzie stated that she ran away from home, because her parents objected to a sweetheart of hers.

THE PROJECT IS FAVORED.

The Widening of Diamond Street is Rapidly Becoming a Fact.

The project put forward in THE DISPATCH a week or so ago for the widening of Diamond street, from Wood to Market streets has been so far developed that a number of residents on Diamond street presented a petition to Councils yesterday, asking their consent to the project.

Chief of Department of Public Works Biglow expressed himself very favorably on it.

QUAKER CITY ATTORNEYS.

To Argue an Infringement Suit for a Pittsburg Company.

F. T. Chambers and George Harding, of Philadelphia, two well-known attorneys of the Quaker City, are at the Hotel Duquesne. They will appear before United States Judge Ackley this morning to argue the case of the infringement suit of the Hussey Manufacturing Company, of this city, versus Wm. Deering & Co., the well-known Chicago manufacturer of moving machines.

MORE BOY THIEVES.

A Hunt of Silk Handkerchiefs, Etc., Made in Clay Alley.

Captain Mercer and Officer Bell last night arrested two boys named John Sanders and Edward Carson, after chasing them a mile from Clay alley. The boys were seen going into the alley with a lot of silk handkerchiefs, underwear, etc., which were supposed to have been stolen from J. Bruzgan, of No. 137 Wylie avenue, about two weeks ago.

A WOMAN KNOCKED DOWN.

Robbed of Her Pocketbook, Containing \$38, on Washington Street.

Mrs. W. McKee, residing at the corner of Thirty-eighth street and Plum alley, while passing along Washington street, near the corner of Franklin, about 10:30 o'clock last night, was knocked down and robbed of her pocketbook, containing \$38. She was not hurt. The thieves escaped.

A Frightened Team.

One of Arubuckle's teams, while waiting at the Ft. Wayne freight depot on Penn street, became frightened and plunged along the tracks, setting the horses known team, but doing no further mischief.

A Shave for 1-15 of a Cent.

Colgate & Co., N. Y., will mail you a sample of Colgate's Shaving Soap for 1 cent for 2 cents.

LOOK OUT, GERMANY.

A Terrific Gunpowder Invented by a Southside Chemist.

SUPERIOR TO FRENCH EXPLOSIVE.

Negotiating With Uncle Sam for a Cool \$200,000 for His Patent.

FEARFUL FORCE OF THE NEW POWDER.

It is all well enough for Germany to have troubles in Alsace-Lorraine, and it is all well enough for Germany to have intentions upon England in Africa, but when Bismarck and the bloom of young Emperor get to trifling with the affections of Miss Columbia in Samoa Uncle Sam is apt to become jealous.

All this sounds apparently indefinite, but it is most peculiarly to the point, when it is remembered that every individual patriotic citizen in the United States (and every citizen is patriotic) is keenly watching the progress of the unsettled settlement between Germany and America in regard to the Samoa question.

A man on the Southside, at this critical juncture, arises and informs a palatial building toward establishing in Germany, or any other nation that cannot speak with the Yankee twang. In fact he has invented a powder that puts in the shade the famous French powder, for which over a hundred German lives have been sacrificed in trying to fathom the secret of its ingredients. The Germans, it will be remembered, have succeeded in capturing several French guns in which the strange powerful powder is used, but they have not succeeded in analyzing the powder.

THE INVENTOR TALKS.

That the secret of this powder has not only been fathomed, but improved upon, is shown by the inventions of John Hindmarsh, an expert roller and chemist in Oliver's Southside mills. The story of his invention, and his connection with the United States Government are best told by Mr. Hindmarsh, and vouched for by the letters.

"I have a powder," said Mr. Hindmarsh, "that will throw a 38-caliber ball, a very small ball you will observe, through a half-inch steel plate at 500 yards, and through a two-inch oak plank at a distance of from one and one-half to two miles. I have done this with only 45 grains of my powder, where the United States military uses 70 grains, with nothing like the execution."

"My powder is eight times stronger than the explosive used by the Government military, and if you know anything of powder you will realize the terrific force and utility of a safe powder eight times as strong as that now used. My powder has nothing to do with dynamite or nitro-glycerine, and is not dangerous to handle. It is almost smokeless, and at 100 yards you cannot hear the report of the gun; but I assure you, you will feel the tremendous force of the bullet."

"I have been experimenting with chemicals for 25 years, and while mixing two ingredients of my own for fireworks two years ago, I made up my mind to try the effects of a third absolutely untested ingredient. The effect was terrific, my mortar and pestle were blown to blunders, and my wife thought I was killed."

"The fearful force of this remarkably small mixture set me to thinking, and by two years of hard work and constant tests, I have brought my powder to a perfection not equaled even by the famous mysterious French powder. The military, you know, is not so much experimenting with chemicals for 25 years, and while mixing two ingredients of my own for fireworks two years ago, I made up my mind to try the effects of a third absolutely untested ingredient. The effect was terrific, my mortar and pestle were blown to blunders, and my wife thought I was killed."

"I don't know Huggins, his splendid shot in the air, but I do know that I can get through some trials with me, for I have long ago passed the experimental stage, and my powder is a fact. We shall certainly show the Winchester first with a string, for I fear it will not be strong enough to stand even a very small quantity of my powder. When my new gun comes, made especially strong for the new powder, Mr. Huggins will be asked to test it in regard to force, quantity and accuracy."

"I wrote a letter to the Secretary of War last night (Jan. 27) in which I set out my powder, and said also that I wanted the United States to have the first shot at it, for I know it to be a valuable powder. The Secretary of War referred my letter at once to Charles S. Smith, Captain of the Ordnance Department, and Captain Smith wrote this letter to me. The letter says that my report had been carefully considered, and if I would send a sample of the powder, they would test it and send me a written report. However, I am not sending any more powder. I think I can get the powder so it would be perfectly impossible to analyze it, still they might happen to find out where would I be without my patent."

"My powder consists of but three ingredients. I pulverize these crude ingredients, mix them with water into a sort of dough, roll it out like paste and let it dry. When dry, I pulverize it again, and in this last pulverizing only a question of danger arises. Such safeguards, however, can be thrown around the process as to obviate all danger to human life."

HE CLAIMS \$81 DAMAGES.

Another Trouble Between Landlord and a Would-be Tenant.

A hearing was held before Alderman Dougherty last night in the case of William Spicler against L. Walter & Lang.

Last spring Spicler rented a house from the latter, who are agents for Peter Walter, paying \$10 on account. He was refused admittance to the house in April on the ground that no written contract had been made. He claims \$81 damages and the decision was reserved until next Monday.

A POLANDER CRUSHED.

The Probably Fatal Accident That Befell a Mill Worker.

John Rice, a Pole, living at Twenty-eighth street, Southside, was crushed between some cars yesterday afternoon in the yards at Jones & Laughlin's mill, and last night was thought to be dying. He was loading a buggy, which was across the main track, when some cars were shoved in, doubling him under the large car.